

COUNCIL OK'S 'PREMIUM' TO KEEP CIVIC CENTER WORK GOING

Unaffected Firms Hike Gravel Cost

In order to keep work going at the new city hall and police station now under construction, at Torrance blvd. and Madrona ave., the City Council approved spending up to \$400 more for concrete as no immediate let-up was seen in the sand and gravel strike.

The council voted 4-1 in favor of the expenditure, as well as paying a \$65 premium for the North Torrance fire station. Councilman Willys Blount opposed both moves.

City Manager George Stevens indicated that the city and the contractor would be splitting the cost of the premiums. Stevens explained the necessity for the move by indicating that 90 per cent of all concrete plants are presently shut down and that those in operation are now charging from \$3 to \$5 a yard more for concrete.

Those firms not affected by the strike, Stevens said, have assured the union that they would also comply with the final demands worked out between the union and the other firms.

The city hall and police station will probably be ready around May or June as planned, Stevens said, but the swimming pool construction was halted completely and will not resume until the strike is over.

Completion of the pool will be advanced about the length of the strike, he said.

Schools at Stand-Still
School construction, on the other hand, has come virtually to a stand still at seven sites, Sam E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent (business), stated. Contracts affected include the warehouse, office unit, North high, and additions at Madrona, Wood, Sepulveda, and probably Arlington school on which bids will be opened Monday.

When asked whether school construction would not be continued by paying a premium for concrete as was the case with the city, Waldrip indicated that the county counsel has ruled that school districts may not pay premiums unless they receive something additional in return.

Otherwise, Waldrip explained, payment of such premiums may be construed as a gift of public funds. There is a possibility that the



VOICE OF DEMOCRACY... Bob Davis, 16, senior at North high and student in Louis Bereskin's speech class, won first place last week in the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce's Voice of Democracy contest. There were 16 contestants in all. He will next compete in the district finals to be held in El Segundo November 16.—Press Photo.

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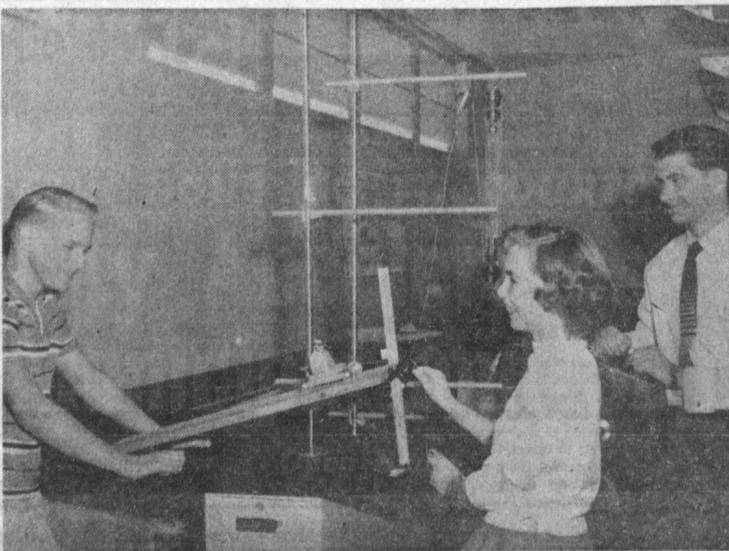
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'FISH DON'T GO TO COURT!'

City Accelerates Drive for Municipal and Superior Courts

Open House



VISITORS ATTENDING open house at North high Tuesday night had a chance to inspect the modern science laboratories as the one above, among other things. Mike Strech and

Janice Bailleul work with one of the exhibits while their general science teacher, Richard Venturini (right) watches.—Press Photo.

COUNTY'S 'STUDY' CALLED 'BIASED'

A double-bannered crusade was launched by members of the City Council Tuesday night when they initiated an all-out drive for a municipal court and superior court to be located on the new Torrance civic center.

Open House Held at North High

North High School in Torrance participated in American Education Week with its first open house held Tuesday evening November 8.

This program gave parents of North High youngsters their first opportunity to become acquainted with the campus, facilities, and objectives of the new school.

Members of the orchestra, conducted by Martin Baum, and the choir, under the direction of George Zavislan, participated in the opening ceremonies, highlighted by introductory remarks of Principal Dale M. Harter and members of the student council.

The plan for the open house was an interesting one. Parents received an invitation from the school containing a list of the classes and rooms of each child. The parent then followed a regular school day consisting of six 10-minute periods.

They met the instructors, learning of the methods used and subject matter covered to meet the needs of the students.

Many special activities were scheduled. The physical education classes presented exhibitions of square and ballroom dancing. The science department planned some typical classroom experiments and the speech department presented the opportunity of hearing the four winners in the "Voice of Democracy" contest.

Refreshments were served by the North high mothers, immediately following the close of "school day."



DR. HUGH M. TINER... to speak

Dr. Tiner To Address Service Clubs

Dr. Hugh Tiner, president of Pepperdine college, will be the principal speaker at the local inter-service club dinner meeting to be held Monday, November 14, at the American Legion club house, according to Dr. Raymond A. Larson, chairman. Dr. Tiner will speak on "Service is My Business." Dr. Tiner, who was born in Texas, received his master's degree (Turn to Page 21)

Councilman Benstead's Mother Dies

Services for Mrs. Sarah Benstead, 84, mother of Councilman Victor E. Benstead, were held Monday, November 7, at Inglewood Cemetery.

Mrs. Benstead, who lived at 315 S. Broadway, Redondo Beach, came to Redondo 62 years ago. She was born in Manchester, England.

Mrs. Benstead was secretary of the Woman's Benefit association for 45 years and a member of the Episcopal church. She is survived by five children: Victor E. Benstead and Leo Benstead, of Torrance; George Benstead of San Jose; Mrs. May Coleman of Los Angeles; and Merrill Benstead of Colinga.

Other survivors include two sisters, Mamie Gentry and Maude Martin of Los Angeles; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Councilman Benstead expressed appreciation on behalf of members of the family for the many expressions of sympathy and comfort received from friends and acquaintances.

Testimonial Dinner to Honor Congressman King

Dr. Frank Sullivan will act as master of ceremonies at the testimonial dinner honoring Congressman Cecil R. King to be held Saturday, November 12, at 8 p.m. at the Torrance Civic Auditorium, according to Blanche Riggio.

Dr. Sullivan, professor of English at Loyola University, was the recipient of a Ford Fellowship in 1954.

According to Roy R. C. Sanderson, general chairman, one of the highlights of the dinner will be an entertaining skit in which Rosemary DeCamp, motion picture and television actress, will share the spotlight with Dr. Sullivan, Roy R. C. Sanderson, general chairman stated. Miss DeCamp is the wife of the prominent South Bay jurist, the Hon. Judge John A. Shidler.

At the conclusion of the evening's toast to Congressman King, a reception hosting the dinner committee will be held at the home of Mrs. Rene Dean.

Reservations for the dinner are completely sold out but those wishing to greet their representative are most welcome to attend the social hour at the Palms, in Torrance, beginning at 5:30 p.m. preceding the night's program. Mrs. Riggio stated.

Phone Co. Controversy Deadlocked

Protests by homeowners on the one hand and needs of the General Telephone Co on the other caused a deadlock in a final decision on a request for a variance to construct a one-story addition to the company's existing central office at 650 Palos Verdes Blvd.

Hopeful of a compromise as the only solution to break this deadlock, the council sent the matter back to the Planning Commission once more for reconsideration and negotiation.

James Morrison, spokesman for a number of Hollywood Riviera homeowners living near

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Hitch-Hiking Highwaymen Rob Driver

A Lomita man was beaten into unconsciousness and robbed of \$2 when he gave a ride to two men at Clyde's corner in Lomita during the early Sunday morning hours.

Victim of a head concussion and broken upper jaw is Walter F. Hughes, 28, of 2316 W. 246th place, who was beaten into unconsciousness with a tire iron by one of the men, according to Lennox sheriffs. Hughes was left lying at Lomita blvd. and Western while his assailants drove away with the truck.

The truck was later located a short distance away. Hughes claimed that he was unconscious from 2 a.m. until 6:30 a.m. when he drove to 118 E. 208th st. and called county sheriffs.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

CITY YARD: Industrial property owned by the city at Torrance blvd. and Western ave. has been appraised and the city may decide to lease or sell the 5.5 acres of land.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: AA has been granted the use of the civil defense building at Torrance blvd. and Western. Arrangements have been made so that the group's activity will not interfere with that of other groups using the building.

230TH ST. AND HAWTHORNE AVE.: The State stood pat on its decision that no traffic signal be permitted at this corner. The city was informed once more that a survey will be made to determine where traffic signals are to be placed along Hawthorne ave.

BLANKETS: Firemen protested through their organization against having to purchase their own blankets for use at the central fire station. The council ordered Chief J. J. Benner to pay for the blankets out of the Fire Department's budget in a 3-2 vote. Isen, Drale, and Benstead voted that the department should pay for the blankets. Blount and Schwab voted that the men should.

NEON SIGN: Floodlights have been ordered for the neon sign at Torrance blvd. and Western in case the Chamber of Commerce will not provide for the upkeep of the neon lights.

PARKING VARIANCE: Following protests by 31 homeowners, the council unanimously turned down an application of Dr. Arthur Berke's for a variance to remove an existing building and improve the parking lot at 1104 Arlington ave.

OFF-STREET PARKING: The council will meet with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce parking committee at a 5 p.m. pre-council meeting next Tuesday, November 15 to discuss off-street parking.

Homecoming Queen Finalists



ONE OF THESE FIVE will reign as homecoming queen over Torrance high homecoming festivities tonight. Finalists are (top to bottom) Sue De Nevers, Vicki Hagan, Marleen Svenssen, Audrey Stevens, and Bev Oaks. The winner will be announced today.—Press Photo.

'Trash Attracts Trash, Keep Torrance Clean'

An organized campaign is being planned now to clean up the present trash lying along Torrance roads and streets and to stop litterbugs from dumping such trash in the future, a spokesman for City Manager George Stevens revealed this week.

By initiating a city-wide clean-up of existing trash, and then calling for the strict enforcement of the dumping ordinance, officials hope to keep the city spotless.

"One pile of trash attracts more piles of trash," it was stated.

It has been pointed out that the maximum fine for dumping is a misdemeanor punishable with a \$500 fine or 6 months in jail or both.

The city also plans to issue special forms to city employees driving city vehicles so that they may record all dumping violations which they observe.

The clean-up campaign also calls for familiarizing residents, especially those who have just moved into the city, with the location of the Torrance dump. Cards will be distributed showing how to get to the dump north of Torrance blvd. on Madrona. The dump is free to residents of Torrance.

A conference will also be held with the Chamber of Commerce in an effort to obtain the chamber's assistance.

"If everyone has a stake in cleaning up the city, they will be interested in keeping it clean," Stevens stated.

Rome Cable Employees Reject Union

Production and maintenance employees of Rome Cable corporation, Torrance, have voted against either of two unions which sought bargaining rights, results of a National Labor Relations Board election showed yesterday.

The CIO United Steelworkers of America Union received 52 votes, five were cast for the AFL International Association of Machinists and 64 for neither union.

Bowling Alley Planned Here

First formal hearing on a request for a variance to construct and operate a bowling alley, coffee shop, billiard room, and cocktail lounge between the northwest corner of Western ave., and 220th st., will be held November 16 before the Planning Commission.

Petition was made by Sigurd Murphy of the Los Angeles Construction Co.

VETERANS' DAY

Local stores and banks will remain open Friday, November 11, Veterans' Day, but governmental agencies will be closed.

LIFE IN AMERICA, 1975 —OUT OF THIS WORLD!

A fabulous film that looks like science fiction, but which is actually based on sound, carefully calculated studies by leading trade associations and business firms who have predicted what life in America can be like by 1975 will be shown at the monthly community breakfast Tuesday, November 15, sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The breakfast will be held at the YWCA. Reservations may be made by calling the chamber, FA. 8-2814. The film, released by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, is called "People, Products, and Progress, 1975." Some of the predictions include: chemical heating units to cook food right in the package; house lights operated by a wave of the hand; automatic eyes that close windows when it rains; clothes and dishes washed without mechanical agitation; "thin" TV sets that hang on the wall like pictures; two-way wrist radios; man-carrying rockets for space travel; 200-passenger airliners flying 1200 miles an hour; telephone-TV in which both parties see each other.

May Seek Manslaughter Charge in Traffic Death

An inquest held into the recent traffic death of Mrs. Joyce Kelleh, 23, of 1911 Marshallfield Lane, Redondo, found Vernon Leroy Pollard, 37, of 4819 Narrot st., Torrance, driver of the car which collided with the Kelleh car, "probably criminally responsible," according to the Los Angeles county coroner's office.

The issue will be brought to the attention of the district attorney to see whether he will take action and file a complaint, Capt. Robert Match of the Redondo police department.

Mrs. Kelleh was riding in a car driven by her husband, William Garret Kelleh, 24, when the car collided with the Pollard vehicle, throwing the young woman through the car door and

into the side of the other car, according to police reports.

The accident occurred October 17 at Marshallfield and Slauson Lanes.

The young housewife was declared dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital.

The force of the crash spun the Kelleh vehicle around and against a fire hydrant which broke off causing water to spout high into the air. The car rolled onto the lawn of a nearby residence stopping inches away from the house, police said.

Kelleh told officers that he was driving between 25 and 30 miles an hour, stopping in the middle of the intersection when he saw the other vehicle. Pollard said he had no idea how fast he was traveling, according to police.